

profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;

adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;

forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;

adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel; and

cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.

35. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.

36. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.

37. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of filling said package with a product.

38. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.

39. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

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40. (new) The method of claim 39 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

41. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

42. (new) The method of claim 41 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

43. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a bottom of said first and second wall panels.

44. (new) The method of claim 43 further including a step of filling said package with a product after adhering said first profile to said first wall panel and after adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

45. (new) The method of claim 37 wherein said side seals are cut after filling said package with said product.

46. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

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47. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of mounting said slider onto said zipper.

48. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel.

49. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel and said second profile is adhered to said second wall panel.

50. (new) A method of placing a product in recloseable packages, said method comprising:
providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;
positioning a zipper at a predetermined orientation, said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other;

mounting a slider onto said zipper, said slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;

adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;

forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;

filling said package with a product; and

adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel.

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B3 51. (new) The method of claim 50 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.

52. (new) The method of claim 51 wherein said zipper arrangement includes a plurality of sliders slidably mounted to said zipper.

53. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.

54. (new) The method of claim 50 further including a step of cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.

55. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.

56. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

57. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

58. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

59. (new) The method of claim 58 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

60. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

61. (new) A method of manufacturing reclosable bags, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of fastener segments connected to each other, each of said fastener segments including first and second interlockable profiles, said first profile including a rib, said second profile including a groove for receiving said rib;

mounting a slider to each of said fastener segments, said slider being adapted to open and close its respective fastener segment;

providing a continuous web of plastic packaging material;

after mounting said slider to each of said fastener segments, successively attaching said slider-carrying fastener segments to said continuous web;

forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags; and

filling the reclosable bags with a product.

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62. (new) The method of claim 61, wherein said step of forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags includes folding said continuous web to form opposing walls of said reclosable bags and sealing said folded web to provide the reclosable bags with respective distinct interior compartments for receiving the product.

63. (new) A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising:

a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges;

a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders, said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations, said zipper being secured to said web, said zipper being generally parallel to and located away from said longitudinal edges.

64. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said web is folded and includes a pair of opposing panels joined along a fold, said opposing panels including said respective longitudinal edges opposite said fold, said zipper being generally parallel to and near said fold.

65. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said folded web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said fold and joining said opposing panels.

66. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said zipper includes first and second opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and a first fin extending downward from said first profile.

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67. (new) The web structure of claim 66, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.

68. (new) A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising:

a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges, said web having a c-fold located opposite of said pair of free longitudinal edges; and

a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders, said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations, said zipper being secured to said web, said zipper being located near the c-fold of the web.

69. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper is generally parallel to said c-fold.

70. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper is located at said c-fold of the web.

71. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said web further includes a pair of opposing panels joined along said c-fold, said opposing panels including the respective longitudinal edges opposite said c-fold.

72. (new) The web structure of claim 71, wherein said web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said c-fold and joining said opposing panels.

73. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper includes first and second

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opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and a first fin extending downward from said first profile.

74. (new) The web structure of claim 73, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.
